

CLAIMS

Having thus described the aforementioned invention, I claim:

1        1. A golf putter head comprising:  
2              a striking face defining a planar surface and defining an orthogonal bisector;  
3              a trailing edge defining an arcuate configuration;  
4              a sole;  
5              a top surface, said putter head being substantially symmetrical about said  
6              orthogonal bisector of said striking face; and  
7              a ball retriever and retainer including:

8                  a spherical recess formed in said golf putter head between said sole  
9                  and said striking surface, said sole defining an opening adapted to be  
10                 slightly smaller than the diameter of a golf ball, said top surface defining an  
11                 opening to reveal a portion of the golf ball when received within said  
12                 spherical recess, said top surface opening being provided for engaging the  
13                 golf ball when received within said spherical recess to push the golf ball out  
14                 of said spherical recess; and

15                 a retainer for retaining the golf ball within said spherical recess, said  
16                 retainer including at least one resilient tab defined in said sole proximate  
17                 said sole opening to enlarge said sole opening to receive the golf ball,  
18                 whereby said at least one resilient tab returns to an initial unflexed state  
19                 upon receipt of the golf ball.

1        2. The golf putter head of Claim 1 wherein said at least one resilient tab  
2        includes a plurality of resilient tabs defined between an arcuate recess and said  
3        sole opening, said arcuate recess being concentrically disposed with respect to said  
4        sole opening, at least one notch being defined between said arcuate recess and said  
5        sole opening to define said plurality of resilient tabs.

1        3. The golf putter head of Claim 2 wherein a distal end of each of said  
2        plurality of resilient tabs defines a raised portion extending toward a center of said  
3        spherical recess, said raised portion enhancing restraint of the golf ball within said  
4        spherical recess.

1       4. The golf putter head of Claim 1 further comprising a shaft retriever  
2 for retrieving an elongated object including but not limited to a golf club and a flag  
3 stick, when the elongated object is lying on a horizontal surface.

1       5. The golf putter of Claim 4 wherein said shaft retriever includes a  
2 longitudinal groove defined in said top surface and disposed parallel to said  
3 striking surface, said shaft retriever defining a distal end adapted to be received  
4 under the elongated object such that the elongated object is received within said  
5 longitudinal groove.

1       6. The golf putter head of Claim 1 further comprising ball alignment  
2 indicia disposed on said top surface of said golf putter head.

1       7. The golf putter head of Claim 6 wherein said ball alignment indicia  
2 defines a C-shaped configuration terminating at first and second ends proximate  
3 said striking face and extending around said ball retriever and retainer top surface  
4 opening, whereby a ball is visually aligned between said first and second ends to  
5 center the ball on said striking face.

1       8. The golf putter head of Claim 6 wherein said ball alignment indicia  
2 includes at least a portion adapted to appear distorted when a golfer is not  
3 positioned directly above said golf putter head, and wherein said portion of said  
4 ball alignment indicia appears straight when the golfer is positioned directly above  
5 said golf putter head.

6       9. The golf putter head of Claim 1 wherein said ball retriever and  
7 retainer is disposed relative to said striking face such that said ball retriever and  
8 retainer is adapted to be substantially centered over a golf ball when placed in a  
9 conventional cup.

1       10. The golf putter head of Claim 1, said trailing edge being adapted to be  
2 received within the radius of a conventional cup, whereby said golf putter head is  
3 receivable within the cup.

1           11. The golf putter head of Claim 1 further comprising a curved transition  
2 defined between said sole and said trailing edge, said curved transition assisting in  
3 inserting said golf putter head in a cup when said putter inadvertently engages the  
4 lip of the cup, said curved transition further serving to reduce drag to reduce  
5 stubbing through a golfer's back swing.

1           12. The golf putter head of Claim 1 wherein said sole defines a slope of  
2 approximately 7°, whereby said sole is relatively level at a natural extension of the  
3 golfer's forearm when said putter head is disposed between the feet of the golfer in  
4 when retrieving the golf ball.

1           13. A golf putter head comprising:  
2           a striking face defining a planar surface and defining an orthogonal bisector;  
3           a trailing edge defining an arcuate configuration;  
4           a sole;  
5           a top surface, said putter head being substantially symmetrical about said  
6 orthogonal bisector of said striking face;  
7           a ball retriever and retainer including:  
8                 a spherical recess formed in said golf putter head between said sole  
9 and said striking surface, said sole defining an opening adapted to be  
10 slightly smaller than the diameter of a golf ball, said top surface defining an  
11 opening to reveal a portion of the golf ball when received within said  
12 spherical recess, said top surface opening being provided for engaging the  
13 golf ball when received within said spherical recess to push the golf ball out  
14 of said spherical recess; and  
15                 a retainer for retaining the golf ball within said spherical recess, said  
16 retainer including a plurality of resilient tabs defined between an arcuate  
17 recess and said sole opening, said arcuate recess being concentrically  
18 disposed with respect to said sole opening, at least one notch being defined  
19 between said arcuate recess and said sole opening to define said plurality of  
20 resilient tabs, said plurality of resilient tabs being provided for enlarging  
21 said sole opening to receive the golf ball, whereby each of said plurality of

22           resilient tabs returns to an initial unflexed state upon receipt of the golf ball;  
23           and  
24           a shaft retriever for retrieving an elongated object including but not limited  
25           to a golf club and a flag stick, when the elongated object is lying on a horizontal  
26           surface.

1           14.   The golf putter head of Claim 13 wherein a distal end of each of said  
2           plurality of resilient tabs defines a raised portion extending toward a center of said  
3           spherical recess, said raised portion enhancing restraint of the golf ball within said  
4           spherical recess.

1           15.   The golf putter of Claim 13 wherein said shaft retriever includes a  
2           longitudinal groove defined in said top surface and disposed parallel to said  
3           striking surface, said shaft retriever defining a distal end adapted to be received  
4           under the elongated object such that the elongated object is received within said  
5           longitudinal groove.

1           16.   The golf putter head of Claim 13 wherein said ball retriever and  
2           retainer is disposed relative to said striking face such that said ball retriever and  
3           retainer is adapted to be substantially centered over a golf ball when placed in a  
4           conventional cup.

1           17.   The golf putter head of Claim 13, said trailing edge being adapted to  
2           be received within the radius of a conventional cup, whereby said golf putter head  
3           is receivable within the cup.

1           18.   The golf putter head of Claim 13 further comprising a curved  
2           transition defined between said sole and said trailing edge, said curved transition  
3           assisting in inserting said golf putter head in a cup when said putter inadvertently  
4           engages the lip of the cup, said curved transition further serving to reduce drag to  
5           reduce stubbing through a golfer's back swing.

1           19.   A golf putter head comprising:  
2           a striking face defining a planar surface and defining an orthogonal bisector;

3           a trailing edge defining an arcuate configuration, said trailing edge being  
4   adapted to be received with the radius of a conventional cup, whereby said golf  
5   putter head is receivable within the cup;

6           a sole;

7           a curved transition defined between said sole and said trailing edge, said  
8   curved transition assisting in inserting said golf putter head in a cup when said  
9   putter inadvertently engages the lip of the cup, said curved transition further  
10   serving to reduce drag to reduce stubbing through a golfer's back swing;

11          a top surface, said putter head being substantially symmetrical about said  
12   orthogonal bisector of said striking face;

13          a ball retriever and retainer disposed relative to said striking face such that  
14   said ball retriever and retainer is adapted to be substantially centered over a golf  
15   ball when placed in a conventional cup, said ball retriever and retainer including:

16           a spherical recess formed in said golf putter head between said sole  
17   and said striking surface, said sole defining an opening adapted to be  
18   slightly smaller than the diameter of a golf ball, said top surface defining an  
19   opening to reveal a portion of the golf ball when received within said  
20   spherical recess, said top surface opening being provided for engaging the  
21   golf ball when received within said spherical recess to push the golf ball out  
22   of said spherical recess; and

23          a retainer for retaining the golf ball within said spherical recess, said  
24   retainer including a plurality of resilient tabs defined between an arcuate  
25   recess and said sole opening, said arcuate recess being concentrically  
26   disposed with respect to said sole opening, at least one notch being defined  
27   between said arcuate recess and said sole opening to define said plurality of  
28   resilient tabs, said plurality of resilient tabs being provided for enlarging  
29   said sole opening to receive the golf ball, whereby each of said plurality of  
30   resilient tabs returns to an initial unflexed state upon receipt of the golf ball;  
31   and

32          a shaft retriever for retrieving an elongated object including but not limited  
33   to a golf club and a flag stick, when the elongated object is lying on a horizontal  
34   surface, said shaft retriever including a longitudinal groove defined in said top  
35   surface and disposed parallel to said striking surface, said shaft retriever defining a

36 distal end adapted to be received under the elongated object such that the  
37 elongated object is received within said longitudinal groove.

1           20. The golf putter head of Claim 19 wherein a distal end of each of said  
2 plurality of resilient tabs defines a raised portion extending toward a center of said  
3 spherical recess, said raised portion enhancing restraint of the golf ball within said  
4 spherical recess.